

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has amended claim 1 and cancelled claim 12 to overcome the 35. U.S.C 112 rejection. In addition, a colon has been added to claims 1 and 3 to improve the readability of the claim.

In addition, we respectfully submit the obviousness rejection is traversed as the cited Lauks reference does not qualify as prior art under 35. U.S.C 103 pursuant to the Statement under 35. U.S.C 103 (c) set out below.

Statement under 35. U.S.C 103 (c)

Applicant states that the application and the reference were, at the time the invention was made, owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, the same person.

Accordingly, we respectfully submit that all of the rejections have been overcome and should be withdrawn, and that a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, and credit any over payments to Deposit Account No. 501593, in the name of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP.

Respectfully submitted,

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